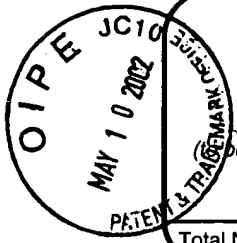


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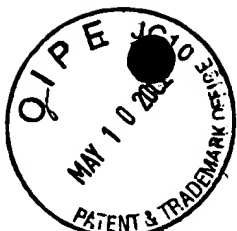
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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In response to the Office Action mailed February 7, 2002, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims in accordance with the following rewritten claims in clean form. Applicants include herewith an Attachment for Claim Amendments showing a marked up version of each amended claim.

1. (THREE TIMES AMENDED) A linear seat recliner for use in a motor vehicle having a seat with a seat back pivotally connected to a seat bottom, the seat